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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-33
	No: Claims	34,35
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-33
	No: Claims	34,35
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-35
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

1) Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 : US 1 996 539 A (LOUIS DUFAY) 2 April 1935 (1935-04-02)

2) The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 34 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

The document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

A security device comprising a substrate having a reflective portion (Page 2, col. 2, line 71) which is provided with a raised line structure (Fig. 1 and 2), the line structure defining a plurality of segments (14-17), each segment being formed by a respective set of substantially (vague term) parallel embossed (Page 3, col. 1, lines 14-21) lines (fig. 1 and 2), the lines of at least five (Fig.9) segments (Fig. 6) extending in different directions, wherein each segment causes incident light to be reflected non-diffractively in a variable manner as the angle of incidence changes (Page 3, col. 1, lines 46-61).(cf claim 34).

3) Dependent claim 35, when dependent on claim 34, also appears not to be novel.

4) Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

A security device comprising a substrate having a reflective portion (Page 2, col. 2, line 71) which is provided with a raised line structure (Fig. 1 and 2), the line structure defining a plurality of segments (14-17), each segment being formed by a respective set of substantially (vague term) parallel raised lines (fig. 1 and 2), the lines of at least three segments (Fig. 6) extending in different directions, wherein each segment causes incident light to be reflected non-diffractively in a variable manner as the angle of incidence changes (Page 3, col. 1, lines 46-61).(cf claim 1).

From this, the subject-matter of independent claim 1 differs in that:

each line is formed by or carries an ink which does not fully extend into the spaces between the lines or which is sufficiently translucent between the lines so as not to obscure the reflective surface between the lines.

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT)

5) The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as the improved security of security documents against forgery.

6) The problem is solved by applying an ink which does not fully extend into the spaces between the lines or which is sufficiently translucent between the lines so as not to obscure the reflective surface between the lines.

7) The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons:

No available document shows the claimed solution to this problem. Nothing appears to lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed solution.

8) The analysis of paragraphs 4 to 7 applies mutatis mutandis to method claim 30, which, therefore, meets the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

7) Claims 2-29, 31-33 and 35 (when dependent on any of claims 1-29 or 30-33) are dependent on claim 1 and 30 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 B42D15/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 B42D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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